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# PRESS RELEASE

### STATEMENT FROM MAYOR JEFFREY SMITH

On Monday night (October 2, 2023), I advised the public that I would provide the emails Phil Simao has sent me and the City Council since September 15, 2023. These emails can be found at the following link:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/118y1BLCUuj4s9kwxnwaDtOdE8u3Sm5Us>

As Mayor of the City of Watertown, I believe these emails will show the public how Phil Simao was attempting to bribe me and Councilwoman Pierce. Additionally, these emails (in my opinion) demonstrate Phil's bullying tactics and the emails are disturbing, disjointed, and histrionic.

These emails can also be accessed through the press release linked on the Mayor's page on the City of Watertown website ([City of Watertown, New York - Mayor's Office \(watertown-ny.gov\)](https://www.watertown-ny.gov/mayors-office)).